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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Times of great violence paralyze many and create distant waves of anxiety. The same burnishing moment that destroys innocents tests the mettle of survivors and produces some heroes. Terrible events born of evil intent and hatred cry out for ready explanation but often remain senseless, whether they happened yesterday or decades ago. In the very midst of the horrible scene there seems to appear a prophetic voice that screams out: "Who are you as a people!"

Lord God, by whose coinage we are all fashioned and redeemed, be with all of us who are touched by the stories of mass murders. Let not the hatred be contagious or fester in our impurient nature. Free the news of gruesome details which only burn the imaginative memory.

Instead, Lord, strengthen us to choose life and compassion, that we may be bold enough to hear the confessions that come from prisons, concentration camps, and college campuses. In their lonely stories, Lord, help us to see part of ourselves, for we are united in You, now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SALAZAR) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SALAZAR led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill and a concurrent resolution of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1003. An act to amend the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 to reauthorize the United States Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy.

H. Con. Res. 88. Concurrent resolution honoring the life of Ernest Gallo.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a concurrent resolution of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. Con. Res. 28. Concurrent resolution congratulating the City of Chicago for being chosen to represent the United States in the international competition to host the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and encouraging the International Olympic Committee to select Chicago as the site of the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 96-114, as amended, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individual to the Congressional Award Board:

The Senator from Georgia (Mr. ISAKSON).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 154 of Public Law 108-199, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following Senator as Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the United States-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 154 of Public Law

108-199, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following Senator as Vice Chairman of the Senate Delegation to the United States-Russia Interparliamentary Group conference during the One Hundred Tenth Congress:

The Senator from Mississippi (Mr. LOTT).

HOURLY OF MEETING ON FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007

Mr. WILSON of Ohio. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain requests for ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

SUPREME COURT DECISION TO UPHOLD THE FEDERAL ABORTION BAN

(Mrs. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, the Bush administration has gotten what they wished for. The Supreme Court has upheld a ban on a medical procedure for women without a health exception, thereby reversing four decades of rulings supporting a woman's right to choose.

Women who face serious health consequences have lost their right to the safest procedure available. Politicians have taken the place of doctors.

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